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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1892.

## TELEGRAMS.

THE PRINCE'S FUNERAL.

LONDON, January 19th.  
 To-day (Wednesday) is to be observed as a day of general mourning. Numerous Foreign Princes will attend the funeral. Telegrams of sympathy have been received from every quarter of the globe.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

AN American paper observes that a good many bank cashiers are like guns—well-loaded when they go off.

CAPTAIN PAULISER, R.N., the new Commodore, left London per P. and O. steamer on the 8th instant, which is timed to arrive here on the 17th proximo.

A SAN FRANCISCO contemporary remarks that "Uncle Sam," with \$100,000,000 in silver laid up in stock, ought to be in a position to control the market.

THERE was a "flare up" at No. 87, High Street this afternoon, but the West Point brigade were quickly on the spot and thereby rendered the damage nominal—say about one hundred dollars at the outside.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Saturday, the 23rd instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) that the E. & A. S. Co. steamer, *Catharine*, from Australia, left Port Darwin yesterday for this port, via Timor, and may be expected to arrive on the 29th instant.

WOODYARD'S ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS arrived from Manila to-day by the Spanish steamer *Don Juan* and will open at West Point on Saturday next. We shall have something to say about the personnel of the show to-morrow.

THE Marine Officers' Association of Singapore has, according to our Straits exchanges, made special representations to His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements with view to having an Ordinance passed by the Straits Legislature on all fairs with the Hongkong Sunday Cargeworking Ordinance (1891).

THE shortest love letters on record are said to be the following:  
 "Dear Clara."  
 "Tom."  
 "Dear Tom."  
 "I will."  
 "Clara."

THE Legislative Council will meet for the first time this year on Monday next (25th) at 3 p.m., business—Financial Minutes. Order of the day—First reading of a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to constitute and incorporate a Church Body of the Members of the Church of England in Hongkong and to define the duties and powers of such body." A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held immediately after the meeting of the Legislative Council.

FROM the *Anti-Opium News*—The Bishop of Victoria (Hongkong), says: "I have been again and again stopped while preaching with the question, 'Are you an Englishman?' Is not that the country that Opium comes from? Go back and stop it, and then we will talk about Christianity!"—The idea of an indigenous Catholic religion in his place at the Cathedral (which of course is crowded every day with Chinese seeking after Truth) and peremptorily ordering Bishop Burden to dry up and listen, is really too sweet for any use.

THE experiments lately made in the United States, says the *Marine Journal*, show that we have a first-class article of smokeless powder invented by an American, and the secret of the manufacture of which is in loyal Americans' keeping. It is probably not generally known that smokeless powder for Germany, to be used in artillery and small arms in her next inevitable war, is being now manufactured by an American, well known in New York city, under another invention, and by a totally different process from that lately tried in this country.

At Derby County Police Court lately the Rev. Wm. Proctor Swabey, D.D., rector of Mill Field, Sunderland, was summoned for failing to maintain his father, aged seventy years, who has become chargeable to the Board of Guardians. The son demanded strict proof of the identity of the father. The bench decided that the identity had been proved and made an order for the payment of eighteen pence per week with costs. This servant of the Lord is probably an energetic canvasser for funds to convert the heathen. Of such is the kingdom of which!

As over twelve months have elapsed since the announcement of the difficulties of Messrs. Baring Brothers and Co., it is assumed in London financial circles that further particulars respecting the result of the liquidation up to about the present date will soon be published. The figures turned on June 1st last stated the total due to the Bank of England at £7,500,000, but this has since been reduced, it is believed, to about £6,000,000, while the amount payable by the Portuguese Government is brought down to £100,000. No official information, however, has transpired on the subject, and it is reasonably thought by many of the guarantors that a balance-sheet extending over a period of one year should now be prepared.

OUR friend Miss Sappho Smith, the world-renowned fashion writer of the *Sydney Bulletin*, tells us that the latest divorce in that city was brought about in rather an unusual manner. Instead of the guilty wife falling stiffly on to her devoted husband's collar and weeping, her comforting statements all down the back of his neck—lo, and behold, the gay Lothario dropped in casually one evening, and knelt at the feet of the plaintiff, and gave himself and the lady away with a minuteness of detail that made baby reach for his horse-whip. But Lothario so wept and implored his enraged victim not to "put a head on him," summarily, that the latter thought better of it, and is going to take 't'out in damages. But what a foolish effect "Lothario" condescendence at the feet of "Mrs. Lane" will have on this interesting tale by relating a local yarn that would put it to the blush—there, there, nothing new under the sun, and you can afford to *laugh* now.

THE Tonkin and Saigon papers, which spread themselves with joy over an official function at some wilderness called Phu-Lang-thuong or Xuan-dao, and which revel in the details of a French treaty with Dahomey, have never a word of the accident to the *Bismarck*, or the adventures of the *Torington*, or anything of similar interest.

Two passengers by the *Chelyard* bound for Hongkong found life not worth living on their way here, and the second night before arrival a Chinaman quietly dumped himself into the deep. Next morning one of her companions reported to the captain, "Why didn't you raise an alarm then?" asked the captain. "No blong my pldgin," p'pose wanche die, can do." During the day an Indian man raised his lanky limbs to the top of the bulwarks, uttered a war whoop to tell the fishes he was coming, and plunged in. The steamer was backed, and a life-buoy thrown quite close to him, but he swam away from it, put up his hands, sank, and was never seen again.

On the occasion of Mr. Stanley's visit to a Chinese town opportunity was seized upon as a favourable one to take the local "basso," who had a wonderful opinion of his own abilities, to hear the celebrated vocalist. During the singing the Chinese man bent his head forward to catch every note of the music, and when all was over he relieved his pent-up feelings with a very audible "Ah!" Nothing more. Not a word did he speak until well on the road home, when his companion ventured to ask his opinion of the evening's entertainment. Clearing his throat, and speaking as a man who knows his words will carry conviction, he said, "Well, he's good—in fact, he's very passable; but—aw cud sing his yead off in 'Oly, 'Oly'!"

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.  
*Leishing* ..... steamer, from Wu.  
*Hailong* ..... " " Swatow.  
*Sungking* ..... " " Kuchinootu.  
*Don Juan* ..... " " Manila.  
*Continental* ..... " " Hainan, &c.  
 Aggregating 3,957 tons, register.

Outward.  
*Elis* ..... steamer, for Saigon.  
*Canlon* ..... " " K-b.  
*Changchow* ..... " " Swatow.  
 Aggregating 4,055 tons, register.

A HOME paper says that at North Wales Assizes recently, Frederick W. Barnwell, schoolmaster, was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for having had improper relations with his niece, aged 12 years and ten months, who had given birth to a child. Seven years he got, to speak of a sensation in Cork when it was announced that some 30 wills were served in connection with a divorce suit in which a commercial traveller is the petitioner. The respondent is under 21 years of age, and the 30 co-respondents include a clergyman, a solicitor, a commission agent, a schoolmaster, and several college students and merchants. And then people say the Chinese are a beastly immoral race!

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow (Friday) at 4.15 p.m. the following will be the Agenda.—1. Letter from Honorable Colonial Secretary forwarding the Analyst's report of analysis made on samples of water drawn from the Tait-tan and Pok-fu-lam mains in December, 1891. 2. Mortality Returns for the weeks ended the 9th and 16th January, 1892. 3. Surveyor's report for 1891. 4. Petitions from householders in East Street against the proposal to construct a public latrine at 44 East Street. 5. Petitions from contractors praying that some money allowance be granted to them for the loss they sustained by the sale of the 3rd and 4th December, 1891. 6. Notification of the presence of cases of small-pox in a ship arriving in the Harbour.

SEAFARING men all over the Far East will hail with feelings of unqualified satisfaction the decision recently arrived at in Penang by the Marine Magistrate, Captain Thorpe, who has laid it down once and for ever that no *Chinkew* (supercargo) can be master of a vessel flying the British flag, whether the vessel in question is a Chinese-owned ship or not. The case stood thus—Captain Bess of the steamer *Avonport* charged Chuah Te, his *Chin-chew* or supercargo, with disobeying his lawful commands as master of the ship, and further, with inciting the coolies on board to disobey his lawful orders. Prisoner pleaded guilty. Captain Thorpe, in passing sentence on the *Chinkew*, said:—A most serious charge has been brought against the prisoner. It is best that the *Chinkew* should know that he is not master on a vessel flying the British flag. *Chinkew* must learn the lesson that there is only one master on board ship, and that is the captain; and whatever orders he may please to give, are bound to be carried out by those who have signed on the articles. The offence is a very serious one, because, on the high seas, and in port, it might have led to the death of many lives. I therefore feel it my duty to sentence you to the full extent of my jurisdiction, namely to four weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

HERE is a Dumbarton story which sheds a flood of light on the vexed question of priority in the matter of the application of the screw to ship propulsion. One version or another of it is common property, and often forms the subject of jocular gossip in the workshops of "the town by the rock." Sandy Smith, wag and sea-catcher, speaks thus: "I suppose, chaps, you never heard that it was me the first inventor or discoverer of the secret of the screw as applied to steam vessels? Ay, well, it was 'jat me; I was not babbling for sale as day at the Black Perch, and after fahin' nearly six hours 'jat got a single eel, but fahin' it was a whopper! It took me a stricken poor fechtin' w'it before I mastered it. In the struggle, w'it was while I told it sent the two eels spinning out o' the boat. Then what was I to do to get back home again? I thought and thought, and at last I saw it contrived not o' my ain eel. I took the plug out o' the bottom o' the boat, and I slipped the eel through the hole in its place—laid foremost, his hale and then began wrigglin' his lang body in his ain natural way, and awa' the boat went smooth and bonnie, me stivin' at my ease and the piler in my hand. Man, chaps, it was gran'! At last I got the quay, and when I landed what should I meet but Mr. D.—'Well, Sandy,' says he, 'anything fresh this day?' Then I tellt him 'bout the eel, and dyed 'bout it, and he said, 'That's something different! I thought I saw a eel in the water!' He said, 'Then awa' he ran as hard as he could, and in three months after he had a screw steamer fahin' on the Clyde!' He offered me a share o' the profits, but I said, 'No, Mr. D.—the honour and glory o' the thing is 'at I did it, and I keep it my own!'

THE Highlanders will embark on the *Orontes* for home on Monday or Tuesday next, not to-day as erroneously stated.

A REGULAR Convocation of Victoria Chapter, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, on Thursday, the 28th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

"SQUAR" has been flouting all over the colony to-day in his gaudy chariot, followed by hundreds of Chinese. The miraculous medicine man is evidently going to take in Hongkong. His "band" is immense.

By way of preparation for our Shanghai cricketing guests, a temporary pavilion is being erected on the Cricket Ground, and a water-and-drainage death-trap is being excavated along the whole side of the field.

WE have received a notice of marriage for insertion (unfortunately on too doubtful authority, to be published) to which is appended the original announcement—"Sweet-hearts in England and elsewhere will please accept this (the only) intimation."

WE would remind our readers that Professor Baldwin and his "Butterflies" will give their initial performance at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock. The splendid reputation this Company brings from lands where they have won fame and fortune should ensure a large and appreciative audience, and the Professor says that if the public once come to his show, he is quite sure they will come again.

THE memorial service held at St. John's Cathedral last night was very well attended. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Robinson were present, and numerous officials. The Service concluded with the hymn "Abide with me," which was well rendered by the Choir. The "Dead March in Saul," played by Mr. Sangster in his usual faultless style, was, of course, the feature of the finale of ceremonies connected with the burial of Prince Albert Victor of Wales.

## THE ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.

"BENDOFF" IN BATTLE ARRAY.

The grand assault-at-arms given by members of the Victoria Recreation and Lorne Athletic Clubs in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on Monday evening under the special patronage of Major-General Digby Barker, C.B., as a complement to Professor Woolf Bendoff, the famous exponent of the many art of self-defence, "the hero of a hundred fights," proved one of the most successful exhibitions of the season. Although the arrangements had been somewhat hastily concluded, and considerable difficulty was experienced in drawing up a satisfactory programme, the general interest manifested in the show was substantially evidenced by a large attendance, which included in the dress-circle numerous members of the ancient order of Cornishmen, many of whom were in older days well known at home both as patrons and supporters of the modern gladiators of the English prize ring.

The management of the entertainment was in the experienced hands of Staff-Sergeant Tennant, and we are only doing that clever all-round athlete and keen sportsman simple justice in saying that to his indefatigable energies and thoroughly practical diplomacy of most of the credit for a really admirable performance was mainly due. Of course the great attractions of the entertainment were the sparring bouts, and the keenest interest was evinced to see the man who had made a grand fight in the prize ring for the Championship of England; but Mr. Tennant, with an amount of *safoir-faire* which did him infinite credit, varied the *tournoi* parade bill of fare with a series of athletic and gymnastic exercises, enlivened by a little amusing clowning, which apparently hit the fancy of the audience.

When the curtain rose shortly after 8 o'clock, the gladiators taking part in the exhibition marched round the stage in capital style under the leadership of Staff-Sergeant Tennant, and then Mr. Alfred H. Wybert gave a most finished performance on roller skates. The inequalities of the stage were all against scientific skating, but Mr. Wybert made light of these difficulties and was deservedly applauded for a display that has rarely if ever been equalled in this colony. Loud applause greeted Messrs. C. Robinson and H. Gedge, two popular light-weights of the Victoria Recreation Club, as they faced each other for a friendly bout with the miltaria. They were about evenly handicapped as regards weight, but Mr. Gedge stood well over his opponent, and likewise had the advantage in reach. It was soon evident that both meant business and Mr. Robinson at once assumed the offensive by leading with the left for the head, which just missed the mark, and in return he was prettily countered; but he again rushed in and using both hands deftly, scored well on the body, receiving one or two but returns on the face. A very cleverly fought bout was about evenly balanced when "time" was called. In the second round Robinson continued his aggressive tactics, and crowded Gedge for all he was worth; but the latter played an excellent game, and using his advantage in reach whenever he got a chance, and timing his blows admirably, had a bit the better of the exchanges at the finish. The other rounds were most evenly contested, and a brilliant rally at the finish of a most scientific display fairly brought down the house.

The members of the Lorne Athletic Club gave a capital show on the parallel bars, most of the exercises being performed with conspicuous skill and address; and they were equally at home with the vaulting horse. Mr. Wybert's burlesque act "How he learned skating" caused great amusement, and then two very clever middle-weights, Private Hanley and Corporal Thomas, came out to decide the knotty question as to who was the better man. It is seldom that two boxers are more evenly matched than were these two military gladiators. For three rounds they fought like Trojans, give and take all the time, and there was scarcely a point between them. But on commencing the fourth round it was soon apparent that the Corporal had shot his bolt, as Hanley rapidly ran up a big score without a single return—principally straight lefts on the dial—and at the finish had won handsomely, the announcement of his victory eliciting loud cheers from his comrades in the body of the Theatre.

After Mr. Tennant had introduced Bendoff to the audience in a few graceful words, that renowned slogger faced Mr. W. Walker for four rounds of two minutes each. Both men were about equal in height and weight, but the assailant was a bit of a colour man and scarcely changed in his best form. However,

the Quarry Bay champion fought very pluckily, and for the first three rounds made most of the running, hitting out vigorously but doing very little damage to his far more experienced and skilful rival. Bendoff spared in splendid style, and several of the rallies, and the in-fighting, in which he naturally had the advantage, elicited warm signs of approbation. Another splendid exhibition was given by Private Sullivan and Loney, a couple of Garrison light weights who evidently meant business from the start. Sullivan had a decided advantage in height and reach, but Loney was much the cleverer and more effective at close quarters, and his right-hand swings threatened a knock-out more than once. The whole of the four rounds were stubbornly contested, but at the finish Loney had a good bit in hand and his opponent was pretty well tired out. This spar evoked applause from all parts of the house, and it was thoroughly deserved, as both men fought grandly.

The wind-up between Bendoff and Mr. A. Rodger, proved, as was expected, a most scientific display. With a difference of about 50 lbs. between the men it was unreasonable to hope that the amateur could make very much of a show; however, the "pride of East Point" never shirked his task and faced his bulky antagonist with the utmost confidence, and so far as cleverness was concerned, fairly held his own. Mr. Rodger has a very straight and clever left, and to use a purely boxing phrase, he knows how to fight with his feet; but although he got one or two lightning conductors home on the mark, Bendoff's superior reach and consummate skill prevented any mischief, and after the first two rounds, the contest became a question of points. One of the most pleasing features of the bout was the total abstention of Bendoff from slogging or taking an advantage over a lighter man than himself. It was no lapping match, but a fair many trial of skill, from which both combatants came out with flying colours and were cheered to the echo.

Mr. Bendoff has proved himself a first-class man in his profession and he has made many friends in Hongkong by his unassuming and gentlemanly behaviour. We are therefore glad to learn that another gladiatorial exhibition is under way, and we are sure it will attract a crowded house.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

INQUIRER.—Yes, it is "Baldwin's Butterflies" Company" of course; "Palmer's" was a misprint.

VICTORIAN.—So the bar by gave you some dummy dollars in change, did he? Served you right. Shouldn't pay hotel bills.

ARCHITECT.—Yes, huge bamboo scaffolding are a bit fashionable in Hongkong just now. But it is not a decorative device in honour of anything. Close search will reveal a bank, or a club, or a hotel, or a shipping office hidden away under it.

W. W. W.—Thanks, but we have all the poetry we require for several months now! Also we are overstocked with sensational fiction. If you really wish to do all you can for us, as you say, please be kind enough to drop yours.

J. J. F. C.—We are glad to hear that you are a lawyer. There was a distinct shock of surprise when the office was first flooded with news. We would advise you to spend six pence on a little work entitled "How to be a gentleman."

OUTSIDER.—No, we are not a branch office of the *Daily Press*, nor is the D.P. a branch of ours. The circumstance is accidental that the D.P. cannot print anything without paying into our hands. But we don't subsidize them to do it.

HALL CAINE.—Thanks for your little effusion "Fire and Blood, or the Bold Bad Browne." It seems to lack humour and poetic feeling. Strive to put a little English in here and there. A course of Webster Unabridged would raise your tone. See that the label is on the package. Not genuine without. And next time you wish to flood us with twaddle, kindly misdirect it.

CLOCK TOWER.—What! Which? Likewise how? Losh, heh, hooh, and other things! But we don't believe it. No, it can't be. One Only Lawyer in the street with a



"If you were to drop 'Oh P' and 'Really P' of the English language, the major part of British aristocracy would be destitute of conversation."

Such was the remark an American friend made me the other day. We were discussing a question referred to in a recent newspaper article—the alleged inferiority of American men—Englishmen in intellect, refinement, social accomplishments, general information, and constitutional powers. I had to laugh; it seemed very true.

"I'm afraid I'll have to agree with you," said "I've often thought the same thing myself. And if you'd bar the interrogative 'Did you?' 'Were you?' 'Was it?' 'Do it?' 'Does it?' 'Will he?' etc., spoken with every remark or suggestion, make nine-tenths of them would have to be silent."

"Precisely. So they would. There's another word, when I come to think of it, which we may leave out, too;—It's 'Pancry!' No! think we've collared the swall's vocabulary. Deprive the swalls of these words and stereotyped interjections you suggest, and far as they were concerned, attention would be supreme!"

The English country-house example, the breakfast-table. These breakfasts are all alike. I've been present at dozens in as many different houses, and one description will fit all; the same chill atmosphere of gruffness and female rigidity permeates each. Now, it's a curious thing that the other day I was thinking about this thing, and had scratched down some notes. I must have been from recollection, and got tem in my pocket, and if you don't mind, I'll read them to you."

No he began y—

There are 40,000 Irish in Liverpool.  
The profits of the Suez Canal exceed \$7,500,000 yearly.  
The French President's salary is \$180,000 per annum.  
There are 9 per cent more men in Greece than women.  
The Egyptian Army is composed principally of foreigners.  
The French Line of steamships employs over 11,000 hands.  
A French ship recently launched at Havre can carry 5,200 tons.  
Sixteen tons of steel pens are exported from Birmingham weekly.  
A new Dutch loan of 45,000,000 florins promised for January.  
London theatre-going is said to have declined to a remarkable extent.  
In England more deaths occur in December than in any other month.  
Over twenty thousand patents are treated yearly in England's hospitals.  
The population of Jerusalem has increased since 1860 from 25,000 to 50,000.  
A London omnibus traverses about eight miles a day, and earns \$30 a week.  
Cheong Hong Chang is lecturing in London on the evils of the opium trade in China.  
The Rev. Mr. Spurgeon's doctor has informed his patient that he cannot live very long.  
Hungary will celebrate her thousandth anniversary by a national exhibition in 1895.  
The population of France boast of about 40,000,000 and the Socialists' number about 2,000,000.  
Some one has been fooling the thing up, & finds that the Prince of Wales has been paid \$30,000,000 by the British people since his coming of age.  
The condition of the French Army is such, according to Sir Charles Dilke, that in case of war with Germany the odds would be in favour of France.

On the eastern frontier of the "Dark Continent" coal is so plentiful that by living

Hongkong Observatory, 21st January, 1892.

**Hongkong, 14th October, 1961**

Hongkong, 19th December, 1894. [119]



